

Approved: 5/12/14

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Seth Ventress Auditorium  
April 8, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Morrison called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Shrand	Yes
Ms. Morrison	Yes
Ms. Tracey	Yes
Mr. Scollins	Yes
Mrs. Currie	Yes

Also present was Supt. Scott Borstel, Director of Business & Finance, Thomas Miller, and Dr. Susan Dupuis, Director of Pupil Personnel

PeaceBuilders Pledge was recited by all.

Ms. Morrison noted under the Open Meeting Law, she was informing the public of this meeting being videotaped by Marshfield Community Television. If anyone in the audience is taping the meeting, either audio or video, please inform us of such at this time.

Ms. Morrison recognized School Committee member, Kate Tracey, at her last School Committee Meeting. Mrs. Currie noted Ms. Tracey's accomplishments and dedication to the Committee and her sincere commitment to Marshfield Public Schools over the past four years. Ms. Morrison presented Kate Tracey with a MASC plaque – 2010 through 2014.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SCHOOL CHOICE**

Per Massachusetts General Law, the Marshfield School Committee is required to hold a Public Hearing annually and, by vote, decide whether they wish to allow School Choice in the Marshfield Public School District for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Ms. Morrison opened the floor to public comment. No comments.  
Ms. Morrison closed the Public Hearing.

**SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE**

Principal Sara Prouty and staff member Katie White presented PowerPoint on their educational trip to Thailand. Twenty-four educators took this trip in February for nine days with the Town of Hopkington. Ms. Prouty and Ms. White

noted the student and classroom impact from this phenomenal global learning trip.

**II. INFORMATIONAL**

Dr. Susan Dupuis updated the Committee on the following:

- Full Day Kindergarten has been offered district-wide with no impact on students with IEP's and minimal impact on specialists.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**IV. MINUTES**

MOTION: Mrs. Currie moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2014 as amended. Mrs. Shrand second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Currie moved to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014 as written. Mrs. Shrand second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Tracey moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2014 as written. Mrs. Currie second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

School Choice: Per Massachusetts General Law, the Marshfield School Committee is required to hold a Public Hearing annually and, by vote, decide whether they wish to allow School Choice in the Marshfield Public School District for the 2014-2015 academic year.

MOTION: Mrs. Currie moved Marshfield Public Schools be a School Choice district for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Shrand second. VOTE: 0-5-0. (motion defeated)

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

MHS Social Studies Trip 2015: Social Studies teacher, Kimberly McGourty, presented April, 2015 Social Studies trip to Berlin, Prague, Krakow, and Budapest. It is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Holocaust. Trip will include 25/30 students with 6:1 chaperone ratio. Juniors and seniors will attend and will miss two days of school. EF Tours includes a 'Peace of Mind' all inclusive insurance with full refund if cancelled.

MOTION: Mrs. Currie moved to approve 2015 Social Studies trip missing two school days. Mrs. Shrand second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MHS World Language Spanish & French Exchange Program 2015: World Language staff Maura Bulman and Karen Lehmann gave an overview of exchange program during the spring of 2015. Internet is very helpful with students finishing course work. Exchange program

has had an enormous impact on MHS students learning culture and experiences. This is full emersion with language and culture.  
MOTION: Mrs. Shrand moved to approve the MHS World Language Spanish Exchange trip from April 18 through May 2, 2015 with students missing five days of school. Mrs. Tracey second.  
VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Shrand moved to approve the MHS World Language French Exchange trip from April 11 through April 25, 2015 with students missing five days of school. Mrs. Tracey second.  
Vote: 5-0-0.

PK-12 Handbooks: Mrs. Currie noted a unified district mission statement for further discussion.

Elementary Handbooks: Each elementary school has an individualized appendix. Committee reviewed revisions and edits.

FBMS Handbook: Principal Patrick Sullivan reviewed revisions and edits with Committee

MHS Handbook: Principal Robert Keuther reviewed revisions and edits with Committee.

Handbooks will be voted by School Committee on April 28.

Safe Schools Bullying Prevention Policy: Susan Dupuis reviewed amendments initiated by Governor Patrick to the Massachusetts Anti-Bullying Law (M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 370)

MOTION: Mrs. Shrand moved to accepted revised Safe Schools Bullying Prevention Policy as presented. Mrs. Currie second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Mrs. Shrand moved to adjourn meeting at 9:15 p.m. Mrs. Currie second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Shrand	Yes	Mrs. Tracey	Yes
Ms. Morrison	Yes	Mrs. Currie	Yes
Mr. Scollins	Yes		

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Despier  
School Committee Secretary